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1. [redacted] TSENG Sheng, commander of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Column, accompanied by K'o-t'an-ssu-fu (Kotantsov ?), Soviet adviser, 5 aides and 12 political workers, moved from Canton to Shihchi.*

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2. [redacted] a group of 30 [redacted] Soviets, mostly artillery and navigation experts, moved to Manshiht'ou (南石頭) and were quartered in the Embankment Building.** The Soviet leader of the group was Colonel Ssu-ta-chi-ssu (Sudachev ?), artillery commander of the Oriental Army Group (sic).

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3. [redacted] forty Soviet and Chinese Communist air force personnel arrived in Canton by train from Shanghai, and were stationed at White Cloud Airfield. The Soviets wore an arm badge embroidered in red with the letters "S U K"; the arm badges of the Chinese Communists bore the device, "Shanghai People's Garrison Battalion." Chinese Communist air corps ground personnel wear a badge on the breast which reads, "Shanghai People's Air Police Corps."

4. Fourteen Soviet military advisers arrived in Chungshan to help in the construction of air and coast defenses. Some of them made a survey on Santsao Island.

5. [redacted] 23 Soviet military officers, with a contingent of 44 Army troops, left Canton for southern Kwangtung, carrying radio equipment. It was believed that they were going to set up a radio station at Ch'ungchou Strait (110- , 20-).

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6. [redacted] 30 Soviet-made landing craft, which had arrived on the Canton-Hankow Railroad, were in Canton awaiting shipment to the Leichou Peninsula.

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The description of the landing craft is as follows:

Hull	Light steel, painted black
Length	12 meters
Breadth	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ meters
Capacity	50 men, fully equipped
Power	2 25-horsepower Diesel engines on each
Speed	6 to 7 miles per hour

7. Forty howitzers and 200 cases of ammunition which arrived in Canton [] 50X1-HUM
[] via the Canton-Hankow Railroad, were shipped on the 50X1-HUM
following day to Paoan, on the border between China and Hong Kong. They
were to be followed, in early May, by 30 Soviet artillerymen. [] The 50X1-HUM
howitzers were described by source as follows:

Model	SJ-15
Caliber	10 inches
Barrel length	220 centimeters
Range	11 kilometers

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- * [] Comment. [] FANG 50X1-HUM
Fang, CHENG Shao-k'ang (鄭少康) and TSENG Sheng, accompanied by
several Soviet military advisers, left Canton for Chungshan [] 50X1-HUM
[] to survey the coast. 50X1-HUM
[] Comment. Although most of the movement reported in the
above was probably in connection with the invasion of Hainan, the
information on the Soviet advisers, despite the unsatisfactory
phonetic renditions of their names, may be of interest.

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- ** [] Comment. Neither Manshiht'ou nor the Embankment Building
could be identified.



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